

Zero Beat

Hampden County Radio Association, Inc.

3-88
Our 40th ARRL affiliated year
Special Service Club

Serving Greater Springfield, MA

March Meeting

The HCRA March 4th meeting will be linking packet BBS systems. The speaker will be Phil Gookin, N1DKF. Phil has his own packet BBS in RI and is the President of the New England Packet Radio Association.

In addition to a brief overview of packet radio, he will talk about the methods used to link packet radios, on both HF and VHF, nationwide and throughout the world.

Please plan to attend this state-of-the-art high tech discussion!

Novice Class

The HCRA is sponsoring Novice classes, which are being held at the Agawam High School in Agawam Mass. If you or someone you know is interested in obtaining the Novice ticket they should contact Jack LoMonaco, WA1YYK, for further details. Jack can be reached at 413.786.2556.

The HCRA has the full line of ARRL license guides and study materials. These are always available at club meetings, classes, and VE exams. If you are unable to stop by please write the club address and we will contact you regarding delivery of materials.

**W200NY QSL's
via KA1KPH
with SASE**

Exam Schedule

The HCRA has enhanced its volunteer exam offerings with the inclusion of regular monthly exams on the west side of the river. In addition to the Saturday morning exams scheduled in Wilbraham, Wednesday evening exams will now be held in Agawam.

The following table indicates the exams currently scheduled. If you can't make it to one of the scheduled sessions the HCRA would be glad to set-up a special exam session just for you. There's no excuse for not upgrading. Contact one of the HCRA exam coordinators listed below!

02-Mar-88	7:00 PM	West
12-Mar-88	8:30 AM	East
06-Apr-88	7:00 PM	West
04-May-88	7:00 PM	West
01-Jun-88	7:00 PM	West
11-Jun-88	8:30 AM	East
10-Sep-88	8:30 AM	East
10-Dec-88	8:30 AM	East

West Exams:

Agawam High School
Route 57
Agawam MA 01001

Jeanette Platanitis
KA1MEW
101 Highland St
Feeding Hills MA 01030
413.786.1463

East Exams:

Minnechaug Regional H.S.
Main Street
Wilbraham MA 01095

Yorke Phillips
K1BXE
235 Ames Rd
Hampden MA 01036
413.566.3010

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Contact K1FO, Steve Powlishen, 816 Summer Hill Rd, Madison CT 06443 203.421.4836

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DXCC	Country Name	C W QSOs					CW		S S B QSOs					SSB		Grand Total
		160m	80m	40m	20m	15m	10m	Total	160m	80m	40m	20m	15m	10m	Total	
4X	Israel				1			1					3		3	4
5B	Cyprus					1		1								1
5H	Tanzania											1			1	1
5N	Nigeria											4			4	4
5V	Togo											1			1	1
5Z	Kenya											1			1	1
6Y	Jamaica											1			1	1
7P	Lesotho												1		1	1
8P	Barbados												1		1	1
9H	Malta											2			2	2
9Y	Trinidad & Tobago			1		1		2				2			2	4
A1	Abu Ail, Jabal at Tair					1		1								1
A9	Bahrain											1			1	1
C5	The Gambia												1		1	1
C6	Bahamas		1					1								1
CM	Cuba											1			1	1
CN	Morocco											1	1		2	2
CP	Bolivia												1		1	1
CT	Portugal			1	3			4				6			6	10
CT2	Azores											1			1	1
CT3	Madeira Islands				2			2				1			1	3
DL	Federal Republic of Germany			5	96	27		128		2		80	1		83	211
EA	Spain				18	6		24		1		34	3		38	62
EA6	Balearic Islands											2			2	2
EA8	Canary Islands									1		4			5	5
EA9	Ceuta and Melilla									1		1			2	2
EI	Republic of Ireland				4			4		1		5			6	10
EL	Liberia											1			1	1
F	France				34	12		46				29	2		31	77
FS	Saint Martin											1			1	1
G	England			1	79	4		84		2		56	2		60	144
GI	Northern Ireland				1			1		1		1			2	3
GJ	Jersey				1			1								1
GM	Scotland				11			11				12			12	23
GU	Guernsey & Dependencies				1			1								1
GW	Wales				2			2				11	1		12	14
HA	Hungary			2	18	8		28				7			7	35
HB	Switzerland			1	10	6		17				9			9	26
HC	Ecuador					1		1				1			1	2
HH	Haiti											1			1	1
HI	Dominican Republic									1		1			2	2
HK	Columbia			1				1				1	2		3	4
HL	Korea				1			1								1
I	Italy			2	48	16		66		3		137	1		141	207
IS	Sardinia				1	1		2		1		2			3	5
J3	Grenada & Dependencies											1			1	1
J5	Guinea - Bissau											1			1	1
J8	St. Vincent & Dep.		1					1								1
JA	Japan				185			185				6			6	191
JT	Mongolia				1			1								1
JW	Svalbard											1			1	1
K	United States of America		33	128	140	24		325	3	373	407	409	20	82	1,294	1,619
KH6	Hawaii									1	1	1			3	3
KL7	Alaska		1		1			2			1				1	3
KP1	Navassa Island		1		1			2		1					1	3
KP4	Puerto Rico												1		1	1
LA	Norway				10			10				14			14	24
LU	Argentina												5		5	5
LX	Luxembourg				1	1		2				1			1	3
LZ	Bulgaria			2	13	1		16				3			3	19
OA	Peru											1			1	1
OE	Austria				4	6		10				6			6	16
OH	Finland				23			23				14			14	37
OH0	Aland Islands				1			1				1			1	2
OK	Czechoslovakia			2	8	48	10	68		1		9			10	78
ON	Belgium				2	7		9		2		8			10	19
OX	Greenland				2			2								2
OY	Faroe Islands											1			1	1
OZ	Denmark				8			8				11			11	19
P2	Papua New Guinea				1			1								1
PA	Netherlands			1	23			24				18			18	42
PY	Brazil				11	1		12				5	3		8	20
PZ	Surinam				1			1				1			1	2
S9	Sao Tome & Principe											1			1	1
SM	Sweden				46			46				21			21	67
SP	Poland		1	3	28	2		34		2		18			20	54
SV	Greece											2			2	2
T7	San Marino									1					1	1
TF	Iceland											1			1	1

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		160m	80m	40m	20m	15m	10m	Total	160m	80m	40m	20m	15m	10m	Total		
TI	Costa Rica											2			2	2	
TL	Central African Republic											1			1	1	
TU	Ivory Coast											1	1		2	2	
UA1	European RSFSR				36	3		39				18			18	57	
UA1P	Franz Josef Land				1			1								1	
UA2	Kaliningradsk				2			2								2	
UA9	Asiatic RSFSR				28			28				5			5	33	
UB	Ukraine			1	31	6		38				9			9	47	
UC	Byelorussian SSR				3			3				2			2	5	
UD	Azerbaijan SSR											2			2	2	
UF	Georgian SSR											1			1	1	
UG	Armenian SSR				1			1								1	
UI	Uzbek SSR											1			1	1	
UJ	Tadzhik SSR				1			1								1	
UL	Kazak SSR				2			2								2	
UM	Kirghiz SSR				1			1								1	
UO	Moldavian SSR											1			1	1	
UP	Lithuanian SSR				5			5				5			5	10	
UQ	Latvian SSR		1		3			4				2			2	6	
UR	Estonian SSR				1			1				2			2	3	
V2	Antigua & Barbuda											1			1	1	
V3	Belize				1			1								1	
VE	Canada		5	14	15			34	30	7	20				57	91	
VK	Australia											1			1	1	
VK9L	Lord Howe Island											1			1	1	
VP2E	Anguilla								1						1	1	
VP2M	Montserrat								1						1	1	
VU	India				1			1								1	
XE	Mexico		1	1				2			2	1			3	5	
Y2	German Dem. Republic			2	43	8		53				15			15	68	
YN	Nicaragua								1						1	1	
YO	Romania				3	2		5				2			2	7	
YU	Yugoslavia			5	57	22		84				18			18	102	
YV	Venezuela								1						1	1	
Z2	Zimbabwe												1		1	1	
ZD8	Ascension Island											1			1	1	
ZF	Cayman Islands					1		1								1	
ZP	Paraguay												1		1	1	
ZS	Republic of South Africa				1			1				3	2		5	6	
ZS3	Namibia											1			1	1	
119 Countries		Grand Totals:															3,597
		160m	80m	40m	20m	15m	10m	Total	160m	80m	40m	20m	15m	10m	Total	Total	



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W200NY Results

W200NY was operated by members of the Hampden County Radio Association, Inc. for one week from 6-Feb-1988 through 12-Feb-1988. The HCRA club station W1NY was authorized to utilize the digits 200 in celebration of two-hundred years of the U.S. Constitution. We are honored to be one of 199 stations in the US to participate in this event, which continues through December 1988. The issuance of the special call sign was made possible through the efforts of the ARRL. Special call sign requests are not normally accepted by the FCC.

W200NY operated from the town of Agawam, Massachusetts, located in FN32 (42°N 72.5°W). Agawam is on the west side of the CT river opposite Springfield, in the western part of Massachusetts. Springfield also recently celebrated its 350th birthday.

W200NY operated both CW and SSB on the HF bands using a Kenwood TS940S, Yaesu FT757GX, and Drake TR7. A Heath SB220 and Drake L4 amp were also used from time to time. A TH5DX at 20m was used on 10, 15 and 20 meters; a four element wire beam fixed west was used on 40m; an 80m vertical and dipole plus longwires for 80m, and a dipole was used on 160 meters.

On 2m SSB we used the W1NY VHF contest station consisting of a Drake "C" line plus transverter with the N1DPM "White Tornado" KW amp fed to four yagis at 33 meters. A variety of FM equipment was used on 2m, 1.25m and 70cm.

A portable ATV station was setup by WA1HFF with assistance from AC1T, with a number of local two-way ATV QSO's. A 70cm EME station was setup by NC1I using much of his home station and the infamous four K1FO yagi portable EME array, which has been on DXpeditions to VT and RI.

W200NY operators attempted to reach as many hams as possible. Thank you for being patient in the pileups, as operating under those conditions were new to most of us! We checked into nets, ran hours of pileups, and even gave out points in a contest or two...

After the week was done we found one large stack of logs... with 3,800 QSO's, 119 DXCC countries and a WAS. We will QSL 100% and hope to receive as many in return for club awards.

March 1988

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W200NY was operated by Barb NK1I, Shawn NC1B, Jeff K1BE, Fred N1DPM, Bob N1FGZ, Frandy N1FJ, Paul WA1GXN, Steve WA1HFF, Frank NC1I, Charlie K1II, Rusty NM1K, Art W1KK, Bob KA1KPH, Jack KA1KRJ, Ken ND1P, Steve N1SR, John AC1T, and Joe NA1X.

Special thanks to Art W1KK, trustee of W1NY, for providing the QTH for the club operation, and his on-going support.

A number of computer summary listings of the operation are in this issue of Zero Beat. If you worked W200NY we would appreciate your QSL. Please send yours with an SASE to KA1KPH, PO Box 17, Feeding Hills, MA 01030. We hope to have the QSL's and a presentation at a future meeting.

Support the HCRA!

W200NY DXCC Worked

QSO's	DXCC	Country
4	4X	Israel
1	5B	Cyprus
1	5H	Tanzania
4	5N	Nigeria
1	5V	Togo
1	5Z	Kenya
1	6Y	Jamaica
1	7P	Lesotho
1	8P	Barbados
2	9H	Malta
4	9Y	Trinidad & Tobago
1	A1	Abu Ail
1	A9	Bahrain
1	C5	The Gambia
1	C6	Bahamas
1	CM	Cuba
2	CN	Morocco
1	CP	Bolivia
10	CT	Portugal
1	CT2	Azores
3	CT3	Madeira Islands
212	DL	West Germany
62	EA	Spain
2	EA6	Balearic Islands
5	EA8	Canary Islands
2	EA9	Ceuta and Melilla
10	EI	Republic of Ireland
1	EL	Liberia
77	F	France
1	FS	Saint Martin
144	G	England
3	GI	Northern Ireland
1	GJ	Jersey
23	GM	Scotland
1	GU	Guernsey
14	GW	Wales
35	HA	Hungary
26	HB	Switzerland
2	HC	Ecuador
1	HH	Haiti
2	HI	Dominican Republic
4	HK	Columbia
1	HL	Korea
207	I	Italy
5	IS	Sardinia
1	J3	Grenada
1	J5	Guinea - Bissau
1	J8	St. Vincent & Dep.
191	JA	Japan
1	JT	Mongolia
1	JW	Svalbard
1,812	K	United States
3	KH6	Hawaii
3	KL7	Alaska
3	KP1	Navassa Island
1	KP4	Puerto Rico
24	LA	Norway
5	LU	Argentina
3	LX	Luxembourg

QSO's	DXCC	Country
19	LZ	Bulgaria
1	OA	Peru
16	OE	Austria
37	OH	Finland
2	OH0	Aland Islands
78	OK	Czechoslovakia
19	ON	Belgium
2	OX	Greenland
1	OY	Faroe Islands
19	OZ	Denmark
1	P2	Papua New Guinea
42	PA	Netherlands
20	PY	Brazil
2	PZ	Surinam
1	S9	Sao Tome & Principe
67	SM	Sweden
54	SP	Poland
2	SV	Greece
1	T7	San Marino
1	TF	Iceland
2	TI	Costa Rica
1	TL	Central African Rep.
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1	UO	Moldavian SSR
10	UP	Lithuanian SSR
6	UQ	Latvian SSR
3	UR	Estonian SSR
1	V2	Antigua & Barbuda
1	V3	Belize
91	VE	Canada
1	VK	Australia
1	VK9L	Lord Howe Island
1	VP2E	Anguilla
1	VP2M	Montserrat
1	VU	India
5	XE	Mexico
68	Y2	German Dem. Republic
1	YN	Nicaragua
7	YO	Romania
102	YU	Yugoslavia
1	YV	Venezuela
1	Z2	Zimbabwe
1	ZD8	Ascension Island
1	ZF	Cayman Islands
1	ZP	Paraguay
6	ZS	South Africa
1	ZS3	Namibia

3,791 Total QSO's

W200NY States Worked

ST	QSO's	State
??	26	Unknown
AK	3	Alaska
AL	21	Alabama
AR	25	Arkansas
AZ	24	Arizona
CA	120	California
CO	14	Colorado
CT	77	Connecticut
DC	1	Washington DC
DE	6	Delaware
FL	85	Florida
GA	47	Georgia
HI	3	Hawaii
IA	36	Iowa
ID	6	Idaho
IL	81	Illinois
IN	40	Indiana
KS	20	Kansas
KY	16	Kentucky
LA	18	Louisiana
MA	257	Massachusetts
MD	23	Maryland
ME	11	Maine
MI	44	Michigan
MN	28	Minnesota
MO	32	Missouri
MS	14	Mississippi
MT	8	Montana
NC	43	North Carolina
ND	16	North Dakota
NE	12	Nebraska
NH	18	New Hampshire
NJ	42	New Jersey
NM	7	New Mexico
NV	2	Nevada
NY	95	New York
OH	85	Ohio
OK	17	Oklahoma
OR	19	Oregon
PA	66	Pennsylvania
RI	9	Rhode Island
SC	14	South Carolina
SD	9	South Dakota
TN	33	Tennessee
TX	98	Texas
UT	19	Utah
VA	27	Virginia
VT	3	Vermont
WA	41	Washington
WI	41	Wisconsin
WV	11	West Virginia
WY	5	Wyoming

1,818 Total QSO's

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1988

Mar	4	HCRA meeting
	5-6	ARRL DX SSB
	26-27	CQ WW WPX SSB
Apr	1	HCRA meeting
	9	YCCC meeting
May	6	HCRA meeting
Jun	3	HCRA meeting
	5	YCCC meeting

HCRA Meetings

First Friday of each month at
Feeding Hills Congregational Church
Center of Feeding Hills
Intersection of routes 57 & 187
Doors open at 7:30 PM
Meeting starts promptly at 8:00 PM

Linking Packet BBS's
March 4th, 1988
Feeding Hills
Congregational Church
Feeding Hills Center

Future HCRA Meetings

<u>Club Meeting</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Board Meeting</u>	<u>Host</u>
4-Mar-88	Packet Networking	8-Mar-88	
1-Apr-88	Telecommunications	5-Apr-88	
6-May-88	DX trip	10-May-88	
3-Jun-88	Annual Banquet	none	

The Western Mass Slow Net meets Monday thru Friday at 7:30 PM on 28.450 MHz. This is a CW traffic training net for all license classes. Please check in! KB1TH is the net manager.

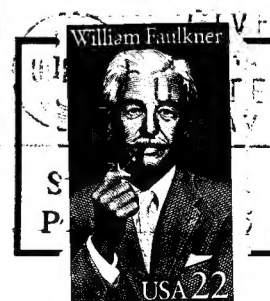
Worked W200NY?
Pse QSL w/SASE to:
KA1KPH
P O Box 17
Feeding Hills MA 01030

HCRA 10m net every Thursday at 9:00 PM on 28.650 MHz
WMSSpeed net Monday to Friday at 7:30 PM on 28.450 MHz
YCCC Swap Net meets at 8:00 PM Thursdays on 28.303 MHz
Western Mass Traffic Net (cycle 2) meets at 1:00 PM Monday thru Friday on K1FFK/R 146.91 MHz
WMPN (SSB) Mon to Sat at 6 PM on 3.937 MHz; WM (CW) net evenings at 7:00 PM on 3.562 MHz
Ten Meter Rag Chew Net (SSB) meets Sunday nights at 7:00 PM local on 28.400 MHz

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Correction Requested

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